Pollution of exclusive economic zone by ships and oil tankers

1118. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in spite of the enactment of legislation, many ships and oil tankers are causing pollution in the Exclusive Economic Zone;

(b) if so, what actions are proposed against such ships and oil tankers; and

(c) what is the number of ships/oil tankers against which action has been taken during the last three years alongwith the details of action taken and the names of the countries to which these vessels belonged?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Ministry of Surface Transport and the Department of Ocean Development and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Destruction of confiscated drugs

1119. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Delhi Police authority burnt confiscated drugs; if so, the quantity and categories of drugs so burnt;

(b) what procedure was followed in transferring the confiscated drugs to Police custody for burning;

(c) what is the quantity of confiscated drugs at present lying in State Custody. Statewise and since when; and

(d) whether Government propose to destroy the entire stock of such drugs; if so, in what manner and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of photo films

1120. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the categories of photo films which are permitted for import into the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Photo Films is in a position to manufacture all such types of photo films; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the justification for permitting import of photo films?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHR P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Following are the categories of photo films allowed for import under OGL and against REP|Additional licences issued to Export Houses|Trading Houses:—

1. Graphic Art Films.

2. Industrial X-Ray Films.

3. Jumbo rolls of width 1 metre and above of the following:—

(i) Cinematographic Colour Films (unexposed) positive.

(ii) Amateur rolls films.

(iii) Graphic Art films.

(iv) Industrial X-Ray films.

(v) Medical X-Ray films,

(vi) Photographic colour paper.

4. Photographic film (colour).

5. Photographis films (black and white) other than 120 and 620 size rolls.

6. (i) X-Ray films (medical) the following:—

1. Cine angiographic films.

2. Copying films (for Copying X-Ray Radiograph).

3. Dental X-Ray film.

4. Films for use without screens.

5. Lo-dose mamographic films.

6. Mass miniature film.

7. 35 mm negative and reversal types for duplicating films.

8. Personal monitoring films.

9. Special types of X-Ray films used for changers.

10. X-Ray films for Cat Scanners.

(ii) Aerographic films.

(iii) Photo-type setting R.C./ stabilisation paper.

(iv) Thermographic polymid raising and embossing powder for printing industry.

(v) Microfile films.

(vi) Infra--red and Ultra-violet films.

(vii) Kidney surgery film.

Import of all other types of photo-films are allowed only against a licence.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Amount of Personal Income-tax collected from people whose annual income is less than Rs. 50,000

1121. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount collected by Government annually for the last three years on account of personal income-tax from people earning less than Rs. 50,000 per year; and

(b) the estimated amount of administrative expenditure Government have incurred in collecting the tax during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): Accurate data regarding the amount collected on account of personal income-tax from people earning less than Rs. 50,000 per annum for the last three years is not available. Considerable effort will be involved in collecting the desired information which will not be commensurate with the results sought to be achieved; and

(b) There is no system of ascertaining the cost of collection of taxes from assessees whose income is less than Rs. 50,000/- per annum.

Posts of Judges in Allahabad High Court

1122. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts of Judges sanctioned for Allahabad High Court, including the Lucknow Bench;

(b) what is the number of vacancies at present; and,

(c) by when these vacancies are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Sixty.

(b) Ten.

(c) It is not possible to indicate.